



May 13, 2013

Newton Tedder
US EPA– (OEP06 - 4)
5 Post Office Square – Suite 100
Boston, MA 02109 - 3912

RE: 2013 Draft New Hampshire Small MS4 Permit

Dear Mr. Tedder,

The Nashua River Watershed Association (NRWA) is writing to express support for the EPA's 2013 Draft New Hampshire Small MS4 Permit. NRWA's Water Monitoring Program has been routinely collecting data on water quality from streams and rivers in New Hampshire and Massachusetts for the past 20 years. The data have clearly demonstrated the damaging effects stormwater runoff has on water quality. Bacteria levels spike, water clarity declines, and temperatures rise in critical cold water fisheries. A marked decline in water quality is always evident immediately after a storm, and the effects can linger for several days.

It is because of this that the NRWA supports the Draft NH Small MS4 Permit, with the hope that the improvements in stormwater treatment practices will halt the degradation of streams and rivers throughout New Hampshire.

Thank you for allowing us to comment on this draft permit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martha Morgan".

Martha Morgan
Water Programs Director